

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS)
AND LIMITATIONS OF) CASE NO. 8895
SALES OF NATURAL GAS BY)
WESTERN KENTUCKY GAS COMPANY)

O R D E R

On September 1, 1983, Western Kentucky Gas Company ("Western"), by counsel, filed its Notice including proposed tariffs requesting that the Commission approve the removal of restrictions and limitations on the sale of natural gas. Specifically, Western seeks approval of the cancellation of Tariff Sheets PSC No. 15 and Original Sheets No. 11, 21, 22, and 23 and the modification of Rules and Regulations PSC No. 15 Original Sheet 3-R.

The Commission, having considered the Notice and proposed tariff, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. The application of Western for authority to terminate existing restrictions and limitations on new and existing gas customers by amendment and cancellation of certain tariff provisions should be approved with certain limitations.

2. Western should be authorized to provide gas service to new residential, commercial and industrial customers and, further, to provide gas service to meet increased requirements of existing commercial and industrial customers and that current restrictions on the provision of this service should be suspended for a period

of 2 years. This will enable the Commission to assess the changing energy picture and determine whether a further extension is justified at the end of this period.

3. The curtailment priorities heretofore approved by the Commission should remain in effect in the event they are needed because of future supply deficiencies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application of Western for authority to terminate existing restrictions and limitations on new and existing gas customers by amendment and cancellation of certain tariff provisions shall be denied to the extent that the application seeks approval without limitations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Western is hereby authorized to provide gas service to new residential, commercial and industrial customers and, further, to provide gas service to meet increased requirements of existing commercial and industrial customers and that current restrictions on the provision of this service shall be suspended for a period of 2 years.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the curtailment priorities heretofore approved by the Commission shall remain in effect in the event they are needed because of future supply deficiencies.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Western shall file within 30 days from the date of this Order its revised tariff consistent with the provisions set out herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky this 15th day of December, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary